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THE OLD-FASHIONED CHOR.

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I have "singed" sometimes the Bethlehem beam
That trembled to earth in the patriarch's dream.
Was a halcyon of song in the wilderness rest,
From the pillar of stone to the line of the best.

And the angels descending to dwell with us here,
"Old Hundred," and "Corinth," and "Celine,"
And the angels descending to dwell with us here,
"Old Hundred," and "Corinth," and "Celine,"

All the hearts are not dead, not under the seal,
That those hearts can blow upon to heaven and hail.
Ah, "Silver Street" leads by a bright golden road—
Oh, it is not the hymns that in harmony flowed—

But those sweet-humored psalms up the old-fashioned stair,
To the girls that sang alto—the girls that sang air!

"Let us sing to his praise," the minister said,
And the psalm books at once fluttered open at
"Yea,"
Summed their dotted wings in the words that he read.

While the leader leaped into the tune just ahead,
And pointedly picked out the key-note with a
fork.

And the victims old and young were gazing along
At the backs of the girls, at the rear of the song.

I need not a wing—no need to come
With a wonderful web from Arabian looms,
When the world was in rhythm, and life was in rhyme,
Where the strings of the year flowed so smoothly
and so true.

That across it there floated the song of the sparrow—
For a sparrow of green caraway carries no there,
To the old village church and the old village choir.

When clear of the floor my feet slowly swung,
And the sweet praise of the song as they sung.

Till the glory of the afternoon sun
Seemed the rafter of gold in God's temple begun.

You may smile at the wags of old Deacon Brown,
And the dear older Green, with more good-ness than grace,
Rose and fell on the times as she stood in her place,
And where "Coronation" exultingly flows,
Tried to reach the high notes on the tips of her toes.

So to the land of the dead they have gone with their song,
Where the choir and the chorists together belong.
Oh, be lifted, ye gates, let me hear them again—
Blessed song, blessed Sabbath! forever, Amen.

A Great Telescope.

Only eight miles to the moon, or, rather, the human eye, to all extents and purposes, is brought within the above distance to our attendant satellite, through the annihilation of 100,000 miles of space by the immense refracting telescope lately constructed.

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The object glass, now the largest in the world, was recently made in England. It is by far the most difficult part of the apparatus to construct, for it must be without blemish, free of any lines, of absolutely uniform density and perfectly pellucid. To produce so large a lens, the labor is immense, for, with the increase of power, every defect is proportionately magnified. Even after the glass is cast, its grinding to extract curves and application of the polish is a scarcely less formidable work.

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What to Do in Emergencies.

If any person falls down in a fit, and begins to snore loudly, with very red face, it is apoplexy. Let him be seated so as to favor the blood going downward, away from the head; apply cold cloths to the head or cushions of equal quantities of snow or pounded ice and common salt. If the person attacked is perfectly still, face pale, and there is no perceptible breathing, it is a fit of fainting. Do not touch him, except to loosen the clothing; then keep off five or ten feet distant, so as to allow the air to come in; make no noise, and there will very soon be a calm, quiet return to consciousness and life; for it is only momentary cessation of the circulation of the blood to the head. But suppose there is a violent motion of the hands and feet, and all sorts of bodily contortions, it is epilepsy. Let the man continue until he is tired; you can't hold him still; all your efforts only tend to aggravate the trouble and exhaust the strength; all that ought to be done is to keep the unfortunate from hurting himself. There is no left suffering, for as soon as he comes to he will tell you that he remembers nothing whatever of what has passed, appears to be the only calm and self-possessed person in the whole crowd, and is apparently as perfectly well as before the occurrence.

Dizziness often comes instantaneously, and we begin to reel before we know it. Shut the eyes, whether you are walking alone in the street, looking over a precipice, ascending a ladder, or climbing to a ship's masthead; the fear of dizziness disappears instantly if you look upward.—*Hall's Journal of Health.*

Blushing.

Darwin, in his new work, on "The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals," has an interesting chapter on blushing. This act, he tells us, is the most peculiar and the most human of all expressions. Animals never blush, although monkeys reddened from passion. We cannot produce blushing by any physical means; it is the mind which must be affected; and blushing is not only involuntary, but the wish to restrain it increases the tendency. While the young blush more freely than the old, infants do not blush; women blush more than men; the blind and deaf do not escape. It is usually the face, ears, and neck only, that reddens; the blush does not extend over the whole body; but certain races who go habitually naked blush over their arms and chests, and even down to their waists. The limitation of blushing to exposed parts is explained by the fact that those portions of the surface have been habitually exposed to the air, light, and alterations of temperature, by which the small arteries acquire the habit of readily dilating or contracting. Mindless blush, but little the Chinese rarely blush; the Polynesians blush freely; young squaws of our American tribes have been seen to blush; the negro has often an appearance resembling a blush; the Kafirs of South Africa never blush, neither do the Australians.—*Ed.*

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